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1. DUE TO RAPIDITY OF EVENTS IN LAST SEVERAL DAYS,
COMMUNICATION WITH DEPARTMENT ON THIS SUBJECT WAS
LARGELY BY TELEPHONE. FOR SUCH USE AS IT MAY HAVE IN
FUTURE, THIS CABLE BRINGS UP TO DATE RECORD OF EMBASSY'S
APPROACHES TO GOM.

2. REFERENCE A REPORTED REACTIONS OF GONZALEZ GALVEZ
TO USG'S PROPOSED PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH; REFTEL B
EXPRESSED DEPARTMENT'S UNHAPPINESS WITH STATE OF AFFAIRS
AND ASKED HOW PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S SUPPORT COULD
BE ASSURED. ON THIS POINT, GONZALEZ GALVEZ TOLD US HE
HAD BEEN PRESENT WHEN SECRETARY ROEL HAD DISCUSSED THE
MATTER WITH THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT. THE LATTER HAD
AGREED TO GO AHEAD ON AN AGREEMENT ON ILLEGAL PAYMENTS
SEPARATE FROM A TNC CODE OF CONDUCT, PROVIDED ROEL AND
GONZALEZ GALVEZ WERE SATISFIED WITH LINKAGE ESTABLISHED
BETWEEN THE TWO. EMBASSY BELIEVES ROEL HAS THUS
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FULFILLED HIS PROMISE MADE IN WASHINGTON IN MAY TO
DISCUSS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT.

3. USDEL GENEVA COMPLETELY CORRECT IN SURMISE THAT
MEXICAN AMBASSADOR BARCELO WAS IGNORANT OF RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS (REFTEL C). FYI: FOREIGN RELATIONS
OFFICIALS WERE EMBARRASSED BY HIS PERFORMANCE AND TOLD

AMB, E/C COUNSELOR AND EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER SEPARATELY THAT THIS SHOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED. GONZALEZ GALVEZ TOLD E/C COUNSELOR JULY 26 THAT IF FURTHER PROBLEMS DEVELOPED, USDEL SHOULD GO TO AMB GONZALEZ DE LEON, WHO HAD BEEN PUT IN OVERALL CHARGE OF THIS SUBJECT. END FYI.

4. AS DEPT IS AWARE, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF STATE 172054 (REFTEL B) AND GENEVA'S 6057 (REFTEL C), AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH LEGAL ADVISER HANSELL, AMBASSADOR TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS SUBJECT WITH ROEL AND TO PRESS FOR OUTCOME SOUGHT BY DEPARTMENT. ON FRIDAY, JULY 22, ROEL TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT GOM KNEW WHAT WOULD HAPPEN WITH RESPECT TO ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND TNC CODE OF CONDUCT; ONCE USG GOT WHAT IT WANTED ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS, NO ACTION WOULD BE SEEN ON CODE OF CONDUCT. AMBASSADOR REPLIED WITH STRONG PERSONAL ASSURANCES TO THE CONTRARY, ADDING THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD DIRECTLY ASSURED VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT USG WANTED BOTH ACCORDS. THE USG WAS DISAPPOINTED AT TURN OF EVENTS IN GENEVA AND WOULD APPRECIATE MORE GOM HELP. ROEL OBSERVED THAT USG'S PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR LINKING TWO TOPICS STILL NOT SATISFACTORY. AFTER FURTHER CONVERSATIONS WITH DEPARTMENT, AMB INCLUDED IN A LETTER TO ROEL (FORWARDING PACKAGE ON ILLEGAL ALIENS) A PARAGRAPH MAKING EXPLICIT NATURE OF USG COMMITMENT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER ON BOTH ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND CODE OF CONDUCT. IN HANDING OVER LETTER (MONDAY, JULY 25) AMB PRESSED ROEL HARD FOR REPLY THAT DAY, AND ROEL FINALLY AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER ON THE SPOT. AMB GAVE FURTHER PERSONAL ASSURANCES, AND ASKED WHAT MORE COULD GOM WANT THAN PERSONAL WORD OF U.S. PRESIDENT (TO PEREZ). ROEL OFFERED TO SUPPLY NEW SUBSTITUTE LANGUAGE WHICH EMBASSY OBTAINED EARLY AFTERNOON JULY 26 AND TELEPHONED TO FELDMAN (MEXICO 12385).

5. FURTHER DIRECT ATTEMPTS TO NEGOTIATE OUT WORDING OBJECTIONABLE TO U.S. WAS NOT POSSIBLE AS FELDMAN WAS UNABLE TO REACH GONZALEZ GALVEZ. EMBASSY E/C COUNSELOR MANAGED TO REACH GONZALEZ GALVEZ ABOUT 7:00 P.M. JULY 26 WITH REQUEST FOR HELP IN GETTING GROUP OF 77 TO ACCEPT ON FOLLOWING DAY IN GENEVA MENTION OF A SPECIFIC TARGET DATE. ALSO PASSED TO GONZALEZ GALVEZ FELDMAN'S SUGGESTED SUBSTITUTE WORDS ACCEPTABLE TO USG FOR "REGULATION". GONZALEZ GALVEZ AGREED TO "WAKE UP" MEXICAN DELEGATION IN GENEVA TO SEEK HELP FOR OBTAINING TARGET DATE, BUT SAID HE COULD MAKE NO PROMISES. NOTING THAT FOREIGN RELATIONS HAD ALREADY CABLED TO GENEVA LANGUAGE SUPPLIED TO EMBASSY EARLIER IN DAY, GONZALEZ GALVEZ SAID WE HAD

GONE ABOUT AS FAR AS WE COULD GO ON BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

6. MR. FELDMAN CALLED E/C COUNSELOR EARLY A.M. JULY 29 SAYING THAT PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS NOW OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS AND THAT U.S. DELEGATION HAD SPENT LAST TWO DAYS NEGOTIATING NEW RESOLUTION WITH CONTACT GROUP OF G-77. MEXICAN DELEGATION HAD HAD YOUNG OFFICER PRESENT WHO REMAINED SILENT. AT 11TH HOUR, BARCELO HAD WALKED IN, TRIED TO INTRODUCE LANGUAGE WHICH WAS STILL NOT ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. AND UPSET THE CONSENSUS.

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7. E/C COUNSELOR UNABLE TO REACH GONZALEZ GALVEZ UNTIL 10:00 A.M. BY WHICH TIME LATTER HAD ALREADY TALKED TO BARCELO AND TOLD HIM TO PULL BACK AND GO WITH THE CONSENSUS. GONZALEZ GALVEZ NOTED IN PASSING THAT ONLY MEXICO AND ARGENTINA HAD SUPPORTED THE U.S. REQUEST FOR A FIXED TARGET DATE. MEANWHILE, AMBASSADOR HAD ALSO MADE SAME APPROACH TO SECRETARY ROEL WHO HAD AGREED TO INSTRUCT BARCELO TO PULL BACK.

8. GENEVA'S 6483 JUST RECEIVED. WE WILL CONVEY TO FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICIALS APPRECIATION FOR MEXDEL ASSISTANCE. LUCEY

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